

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 50), Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Pages S1296, S1300–02, S1327**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 49), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1295–96**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 52), Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Pages S1302, S1327**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 51), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1302**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 54), Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. **Pages S1302, S1327**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 53), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1302–03**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Pages S1304, S1327**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1303–04**

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—57) **Pages S1295–96, S1301–04**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1327.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine national security space launch programs, after receiving testimony from Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Michael Gass, United Launch Alliance, Centennial, Colorado; Elon Musk, Space Exploration Technologies, Hawthorne, California; and Scott Pace, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs Space Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Charles T. Hagel, Secretary, General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from M. Elaine Bunn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Lieutenant General Stephen W. Wilson, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Major General Garrett Harencak, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, and Vice Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, all of the Department of Defense.

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, after receiving testimony from Sylvia M. Burwell, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Maria Contreras-Sweet, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

INCOME SECURITY AND THE ELDERLY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine income security and the elderly, focusing on securing gains made in the war on poverty, and if trends in marriage, work, and pensions may increase vulnerability for some retirees, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Patricia Neuman, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Joan Entmacher, National Women's Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dixie Shaw, Catholic Charities Maine, Caribou.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4148–4155; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 112; H. Con. Res. 89; and H. Res. 499–500, were introduced. **Pages H2198–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2199**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 501, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2824) to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2641) to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 113–374). **Page H2198**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2151**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2156**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, March 4th:

United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act: H.R. 938, amended, to strengthen the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 95 and **Pages H2167–68**

Better Buildings Act: H.R. 2126, amended, to facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 98. **Pages H2177–78**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes." **Page H2178**

Suspending the Individual Mandate Penalty Law Equals Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 4118, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate, by a ye-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 97. **Pages H2168–77**

Rejected the Horsford motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 96. **Pages H2175–76**